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### International law enforcement expert named endowed public safety chair

ATLANTA – The College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia State University has established The Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships in the Department of Criminal Justice. The purpose of the endowed chair is to help ensure the provision of better public safety in an era of international and terrorism and support the efforts of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) and the International Law Enforcement Exchange (ILEE).

Robert R. Friedmann, professor of Criminal Justice and founder and director of GILEE and ILEE has been named the first faculty member to hold the Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships. The Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships is committed to promote efforts towards a better understanding of crime and international terror threats and the challenges they pose. In addition, the chair will work to increase international cooperation in the area of homeland security and promote shared experiences of best practices.

Friedmann, who has been a faculty member at Georgia State University since 1986, has considerable experience in developing and growing partnerships throughout the law enforcement community. Friedmann's areas of research interest include his work on a \$4.5 million research grant from the National Institute of Justice to improve crime reporting databases. He is also a known expert on law enforcement executive development and community policing.

He is the author of five books and numerous book chapters and journal articles including: *A Diary of Four Years of Terrorism and Anti-Semitism:2000-2004, Volumes One and Two* and *Community Policing: Comparative Perspectives and Prospects*.

In addition to serving as the chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, Friedmann has served in various capacities in the law enforcement community. He chaired the Georgia Commission to Assess State Crime Laboratory Needs into the 21st Century, was vice president from 2000 to 2003 of the Metropolitan Atlanta Crime Commission and chair of the Advisory Board of the Georgia Security Council. Friedmann also served as Executive-on-Loan to Central Atlanta Progress, as a member of the Atlanta mayor's 911 Blue Ribbon Commission, the Fulton County Courthouse Security Blue Ribbon Commission, and assisted in planning, preparation, and evaluation of security for the 1996 Olympic Games.

The announcement of the establishment of the chair was made at a reception held at Cox Enterprises, Inc. for the 15th delegation of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) trip to Israel. The reception was attended by Carl V. Patton, president of Georgia State University; Susan J. Kelley, dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences; Richard J. Terrill, acting chair of the Department of Criminal Justice; major GILEE supporter Jay Davis, CEO of National Distributing Company Inc., and other Department of Criminal Justice and GILEE donors such as UPS, Home Depot, Georgia Power, Equifax, and Carbon Motors.

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